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I write as one who on a number of occasions have made contributions to candidates through "Act Blue". The donations are earmarked for a specific candidate, and if I am not mistaken my required donor information is required. That suggests that any contributions through that website are subject to the same restrictions on individual donations as those made directly to a candidate.

That being the case, since I am a champion of the concept of Public Financing of election campaigns, though it is somewhat unfashionable these days, I believe it is imperative for the FEC to permit full credit for these funds, though they are raised by an intermediary group. Clearly they are targeted and monitored, just as direct contributions are.

Public financing of campaigns is in a bit of a slump. We still have the box on our tax returns, but I am increasingly hearing others say "Why bother, nobody is using it anyhow." Which is unfortunate. I would like to see us move toward more public financing, not less. To make that happen it seems to me that we need to give credence to modern approaches to individual fund-raising, to make public financing worthwhile.

Thanks for hearing me out. I hope you will agree.

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